

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A motorized kitchen appliance, comprising:
a housing part;
a drive shaft mounted in said housing part;
a rotating element driven by said drive shaft; and
a circlip securing said drive shaft ~~against~~ while limiting movement of said drive shaft in at least a first longitudinal direction of said drive shaft relative to said housing part, wherein the circlip includes a protruding wire formed by two legs of said circlip, the circlip engaging at least a portion of the housing part between the two legs to restrict rotational movement of the circlip with respect to the housing part, with the circlip being mounted to the drive shaft for longitudinal movement in at least the first longitudinal direction of the drive shaft relative to said housing part.
2. (Original) The kitchen appliance according to claim 1, wherein said circlip is held resiliently in a bead formed in said drive shaft.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The kitchen appliance according to claim 1, wherein said housing part is disposed under said rotating element, and said rotating element is another housing part accommodating a gear.
5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A motorized kitchen appliance, comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a drive shaft mounted for rotation with respect to the housing, the drive shaft being movable in an axial direction with respect to the housing; and
 - a circlip removably connected to the drive shaft and limiting axial movement of the drive shaft in a first axial direction with said circlip being movable relative to the housing part in the first axial direction.
7. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 6, wherein said circlip is held resiliently in a bead formed in said drive shaft.
8. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 6, wherein the circlip includes a protruding wire formed by two legs of said circlip, the circlip engaging at least a portion of the housing between the two legs to restrict rotational movement of the circlip with respect to the housing.
9. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 6, further comprising a biasing member biasing the drive shaft in the first axial direction.
10. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 9, wherein the biasing member includes a compression spring.
11. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 6, further comprising a key supported by the housing and limiting axial movement of the drive shaft in a second axial direction being opposite the first axial direction.
12. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 11, wherein an electric circuit is closed when the drive shaft contacts the key.

13. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 12, wherein the drive shaft is rotatably driven in response to the electric circuit being closed.

14. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 6, wherein the circlip includes a formed wire having an overlapping circular portion defining a diameter and two legs extending outwardly from the circular portion, the diameter of the circular portion being increased when the legs are moved towards one another.

15. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 6, wherein the kitchen appliance includes a fruit press.

16. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 1, wherein the kitchen appliance includes a fruit press having a collection bin, the rotating element protruding from the collection bin for pressing a portion of a piece of fruit containing juice.

17. (Currently Amended) A motorized kitchen fruit press, comprising:
a housing;
an electromotor disposed within the housing;
a drive shaft mounted for rotation with respect to the housing and being rotationally driven by the electromotor, the drive shaft being movable in an axial direction with respect to the housing;
a rotating element ~~protruding~~ projecting from the housing and connected to the drive shaft for receiving a piece of fruit containing juice; ~~and~~
a stop member extending outwardly from the housing; and
a circlip removably connected to the drive shaft ~~and~~ for limiting axial movement of the drive shaft in a first axial direction with the circlip being movable in the first axial direction, the circlip being formed with two laterally projecting crossed leg members for full circumferential coverage of the drive shaft with at least one of the leg

members configured for abutment with the stop rod to restrict substantial rotational movement of the circlip.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 17, further comprising a biasing member biasing the drive shaft in the first axial direction.

20. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 17, further comprising a key supported by the housing and limiting axial movement of the drive shaft in a second axial direction being opposite the first axial direction, an electric circuit being closed when the drive shaft contacts the key.

21. (Previously presented) The kitchen appliance according to claim 17, wherein the circlip includes a formed wire having an overlapping circular portion defining a diameter and two legs extending outwardly from the circular portion, the diameter of the circular portion being increased when the legs are moved towards one another.